

The Muslims' Past Glory & the Current Downfall: A Short Review

The victory & the precondition

The history is very revealing to tell how Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la brought victory to a small Army of the believers against a huge Army of the evil forces. The believers' investment of time, talent, wealth and life in His Way doesn't work alone; the Almighty Allah's own investment also comes very quickly to their side. The mighty angels and other blessing of the Almighty Lord descend down to help them. In the past, even tiny birds called *ababil* turned into precision bombers and the pebbles became destructive shells to decimate King Abraha's huge contingent of elephants –as narrated in Sura Fil in the holy Qur'an. As a result, the promised victory and glory came to them; and *khilafa*, *sharia*, *hudud*, *shura*, justice and other basics of Islam could get rightly established in the newly launched Islamic state. Hence it is clear that one can't be a full Muslim, nor can be the part of the Divine mission by mere participation in rituals like 5 times prayer, fasting in Ramadan, haj or spending money for the poor. Fighting in the way of Almighty Lord must go side by side with these obligatory rituals –as was seen in the early days of Islam. In fact, fighting in His way is the highest act of piety that pleases Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la the most -as mentioned in the holy Qur'an: "Surely Allah loves those who fight in His way in ranks as if they were a cemented wall." –(Sura Saf, verse 4).

But today, the Muslims live with a different brand of faith, objective, politics and culture. Their faith doesn't recognise any deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; nor does incorporate any fighting in His cause. The government media, the textbooks and the so-called *ulama* of the Muslim countries are busy to

hide those Qur'anic verses from the public eyes. As a result, the basics of Islam like sharia, khilafa, hudud, trans-ethnic Muslim unity and jihad have no place in the lives of the most of the Muslims. The betrayal of the deal is so explicit that fighting in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has no place in the list of their priorities. Rather they have forged bondage with invading enemies –as evidenced by the presence of thousands of Turkish, Afghan, Albanian and other Muslims in the NATO forces. For certain time, one of the Turkish Generals even hold the position of the commander of the occupying NATO forces in Afghanistan and led the killing of Muslims there.

The detachment & the changed priority

The Muslims have grown only in number, but not in *iman* and good deeds. The Qur'anic text of the transaction with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't work in their heart and mind. Hence, they feel free from any bondage or agreement with the Almighty Lord. Because of such detachment from the Divine Deal, they now live with different priority. They set their priority linked with their family, race, language, tribe, and geographical entity. Agenda of bringing glory to Islam enjoy hardly any place in the new set of the priorities. Because of de-Islamisation of agenda, they do not feel restrained to get closer to the enemies of Islam. Instead, they even become partner in their war of occupation, death and destruction in the Muslim lands. Thus their fake claim of *iman* get easily exposed. Those who helped the *kuffar* invasion of Bengal in 1757 and 1971, Middle East in 1917, Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 were not the idol-worshipping infidels. Rather, they were the fake Muslims who possessed no feeling or respect for the Muslims' life, honour, interest or independence. Because of such moral and spiritual death, hundreds of thousands of the Arab, the African and the Indian Muslims fought in the British, French and Italian Armies as mercenary

in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. They think, rituals like 5 times prayer, month-long fasting in Ramadan, charity and haj are all about Islam. As if, the holy Qur'an doesn't give any political guidance vis-à-vis warfare and the selection of friends and foes. As if, they are free to select even the *kuffars* as friend and fight with them to kill the Muslims. Islam -as was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims stands totally foreign to them. As a result, the societies or the states they have built are grossly dissimilar to that of the prophet (peace be upon him). Rather stand very similar to those of the contemporary *kuffars*: with secularism, nationalism, racism, capitalism and the *kuffar* law in the heart. Thus, the continuation with the gross deviation from the Qur'anic straight path becomes the norm in the Muslim World. Hence the city life and culture of Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Cairo, Istanbul with their pubs, clubs and casino are little different from that of London, Paris, Rome or New York.

The forgotten benchmark

The deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la sets the bench mark of a true Muslim. He needs to be a full *Muslim* not only in name and rituals, but also in faith, dedication and action. Because of fake belief and treacherous acts, even five times prayer behind the prophet (peace be upon him) in prophet's mosque in Medina couldn't help the hypocrites to become true Muslim. The word "Muslim" means who fully submits to the revealed wishes,

rules, and guidance of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is a life-long commitment. Hence, in the time of prophet (peace be upon him), a Muslim was not only a symbol of a humble man engaged in prayer, pilgrimage, charity and other good deeds, but also a model of steadfast fighter against the enemies of Islam.

Every word, every pledge and every declaration of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la in the holy Qur'an has a serious binding on a believer. It doesn't need any repetition of an order again and again to make any deed obligatory; simple announcement in the Qur'an is enough for that –as has been the case of obligatory rituals like 5 times prayer, fasting in Ramadan, performance of haj and deliverance of charity. To add an extra importance to His pledge, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has incorporated a word "*inna*" (means: certainly) in the beginning of the verse 111 of Sura Taubah. To reinforce the pledge further, the Almighty Lord has also invoked the names of three Divine books like Taurat, Injeel and Qur'an in the same verse. Thus the most power deal of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was made public to the benefit of the true believers.

The neglected change-maker

The holy Qur'an worked as the most powerful change maker in Muslim life. But now the Muslims stand disconnected from this powerful engine. Only a single verse of 185, Sura Baqara, made a month-long fasting in Ramadan obligatory; and didn't need a second verse to emphasize its importance. Similarly, above mentioned single verse of Sura Taubah was enough to bring an overwhelming conceptual shift in the Muslim mind vis-à-vis their role on earth. The pledge of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala thus worked as the greatest change-maker in the whole human history. For any societal or civilizational change, such a ground-breaking conceptual shift is indispensable. The earth is not flat, rather round -such a discovery of Copernicus laid the foundation of Europe's huge political, territorial and

material gain and gave Europe a quick global domination. Because, the new concept of a globular shape of earth prompted Cristopher Columbus to navigate westward to find a shorter route to India. While searching a new route for India, he instead discovered America. Thus he opened a gateway to add enormous material splendour to Europe. The Muslims' glory in the past also owes to such a huge paradigm shift. The holy Qur'an could successfully raise a new conceptual base in the Muslim mind. The new concept brought a ground-breaking revolution vis-à-vis humans' understanding on the ultimate fate. It reconfirmed the resurrection of every man and woman after the death, the accountability in the hereafter and abode in the paradise or in the hellfire. In the new conceptual premise, the worldly life is viewed only as a short exam period to qualify for the paradise. And an abode in the paradise is considered the greatest achievement in life; and hellfire comes as the punishment.

The new conceptual revolution instilled a new set of priorities in the Muslim mind. Whatever Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wishes got the topmost importance; and the personal agenda wasn't given any preference to that. In the deal, Allah Subhana wa Ta'la asks not only to slay His enemies; but also ask to be slain in His way. So the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) showed an exceptional valour not only to kill the enemies of Islam, but also to embrace martyrdom. Khaled bin Walid was a great hero of Islam; he is recognised as a famous war strategist of exceptional talent. He led Muslim Armies so many times to victory. He could kill numerous enemies, too. But he couldn't be killed in the cause of Islam; that very point remained a source of his deep frustration in later years. Such a conceptual state of the believers tells a lot about the impact of the Qur'anic deal on the psyche of the early Muslims. Many other verses of the holy Qur'an reinforces the same spirit. For example: "O you who believe! Shall I guide you to a trade that will save you from a painful punishment? (It is that) you believe in Allah and His

messenger and do jihad in the way of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is the best for you if you could know.”- (Sura Saf, verse 10-11). It is also revealed, “Therefore, let those fight in the way of Allah, who sell their worldly life for the hereafter; whoever fights in the way of Allah, then he be slain or be victorious, We shall grant him mighty reward.”- (Sura Nisa, verse 74). Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la also asks the Muslims to examine their own compliance with the Divine decree. Hence they are asked, “And what is (the matter) with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and (for) the oppressed among men, women and the children who say, “Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper” -(Sura Nisa, verse 74).

The deal with Satan!

Islam stands firmly on some fundamental pillars of faith; a Muslim can't grow up as a true Muslim with compromises on those basics. Any amount of compromise on those basics are not trivial; these are grave sins that reveals detachment from Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. The deal with Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la means strong attachment with the Qur’anic roadmap and jihad in His way. The Qur’anic straight path is only one; all other paths are the Satanic deviation. The Qur’anic straight path exists not only in prayers, but also in politics, warfare, trade, education, culture and all other aspects of life. Hence, there is no scope of deviation in any arena of life; deviation means following the Satanic roadmap. Then, the journey starts towards the hell fire. The political and military pledges with the Satanic forces on earth are indeed the markers of such deviation.

The deviants don't move alone; rather take other people to the hellfire, too. Hence, in Islam, it is the greatest jihad not only to defend the geographical frontiers of an Islamic state,

but also to protect the ideological purity of Islam and save people from Satanic truck. But the Muslims have terribly failed on both the counts. The mission of great prophets like prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and prophet Isa (peace be upon him) collapsed mostly due to ideological corruption of their Divine teachings. Due to such corruption, monotheism of prophet Isa (peace be upon him) turned to polytheism with a deceptive façade of so-called trinity. And sharia –as delivered to prophet Musa (peace be upon him) as Ten Commandments remains captive in the Book of Torah and didn't receive any chance for implementation.

Immunizing against Islam

The Muslims now face the same evil strategy of the same enemy who corrupted the Divine faith of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and Prophet Isa (peace be upon him). The several-century-old war of these enemies not only aim at occupying and exploiting the Muslim land, but also at corrupting and dismantling the core elements of Islamic faith. As the colonial occupation got its grip on the Muslim World, the sharia-based judiciary along with the Islamic education was dismantled. The enemy used the whole education system as a tool of immunising people against Islam; hence those who received education in the colonial institutions become the hard core opponents to Islam. They easily became Trojan horses cum political agents of their colonial masters. Because of them, growing up as full Muslim, practising full Islam and implementation of obligatory sharia remained impossible even in the Muslim majority countries.

The colonial occupation has ended long ago. But, the colonial legacy still survives with greater ferocity –as seen in Islamabad (Lal Masjid, July 2007), Dhaka (Shapla Roundabout, Dhaka, May, 2013) and Cairo (Rabaa Al-Adawiya, August, 2013) by the secularised Army's mass-slaughtering of unarmed

Islamists. In fact, the new occupation of Muslim lands under the home-grown de-Islamised Trojan horses now goes unfettered. Hence, under this new occupation, more wine shops, more brothel houses, more casinos, more obscene sea beaches, more interest-based banking, more enforcement of *kufur* laws and more public shows of vulgarity are visible in the Muslim. On the other hand, basics of Islam like sharia, hudud, shura, Muslim unity, jihad have become invisible. As a result of long *kufur* indoctrination during the colonial era, most of the Muslims have forgotten the most basic element of *iman* that entails abiding by the solemn transaction with Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la. Such a binding deal has gone completely to oblivion. As a result, fighting in His way is no more a part of their political, ideological or cultural roadmap. And the very few those who still try to fight in His way have fully forgotten that fighting in His way means fighting for His sharia, hudud, *khilafa*, justice and trans-ethnic Muslim civilizational state. Such gross derailment from the Qur'anic straight path can only expedite further disaster and downfall. And the Muslims are indeed in the midst of that. 18/12/2016